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## Keep It Legal, Pentagon Chief Tells Intelligence

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Secretary of Defense Harold Brown has told the members of the various military intelligence agencies that their operations should be conducted "strictly within the law," and that he expects them to report "without hesitation" any abuses, improprieties or illegalities which occur.

The order, which was contained in a memorandum obtained by The New York Times, also affirms the broad power of the recently established inspector general for defense intelligence to investigate all such activities "regardless of location or security classification."

The order by the new secretary comes at a time when both the White House and the Congress are insisting that they intend to exert stronger oversight, in the wake of widely publicized abuses by the intelligence community.

According to one military intelligence official, the purpose of the Feb. 8 memorandum was both to give Brown's backing to the inspector general and to try to insure that he won't have to spend time "mired in the intelligence nightmares of past administrations."

The memorandum, which was addressed to the heads of the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, said that Brown was aware of the crucial role of defense intelligence, and intended to give it a high priority during his tenure.

But it also said that he would "not condone . . . activities which violate or infringe on the constitutional rights of United States citizens," and added that he expected any such abuses to be reported immediately.

## Aw. Shucks; No Power Struggle

CIA Director Stansfield Turner sees no signs of terminal health problems in Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. But it does appear, he told U.S. News & World Report, the big bear's health does go "up and down" at times. Said Turner: "Sometimes he wears himself out a bit or he has a particular problem, but I don't see this as a curve that's constantly declining and has a terminal date that can be anticipated." Brezhnev is not expected to comment on Turner's health immediately. The CIA man also can't see, for the moment at least, any signs of a power struggle among Brezhnev's potential successors at the Kremlin.

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